### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COMPLETION REPORT

## PETRA CHEMICAL HCI 2929 STOREY LANE DALLAS, DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

#### Prepared for

#### **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

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Contract No. EP-W-06-042 TDD No. TO-0001-10-07-01 WESTON W.O. No. 20406.012.001.0568.01 NRC No. 945881 FPN: N/A CERCLIS ID: N/A EPA OSC: Adam Adams START-3 PTL: Heth Parnell

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#### 1. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

**Date:** 31 August 2010

**To:** Adam Adams, On-scene Coordinator (OSC)

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**Through:** Linda Carter, Project Officer (PO)

EPA Region 6, Program Management Branch

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EPA Region 6, Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team (START-3)

Program Manager

**From:** Heth Parnell, WESTON

EPA Region 6, START-3 Project Team Leader

**Subject:** Acknowledgement of Completion Report: Petra Chemical HCl

2929 Storey Lane, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

Contract No. EP-W-06-042 TDD No. TO-0001-10-07-01 W.O. No. 20406.012.001.0568.01

NRC No. 945881

FPN N/A

CERCLIS ID N/A

Latitude 32.86217° North Longitude 96.87718° West

Geographic coordinates of the incident location were determined by START-3 members, using the hand-held Global Positioning System (GPS) based on the World Geodetic System-1984, with accuracy estimated at less than 50-feet circular probable error.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

On 29 June 2010, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 Prevention and Response Branch (EPA-PRB) was notified by the National Response Center (NRC Report No. 945881) of a hydrochloric acid (HCl) release from an aboveground storage tank (AST) at the Petra Chemical Company facility, located at 2929 Storey Lane in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas.

On 28 June 2010 at 2216 hours, a release of approximately 1,000 gallons of HCl occurred from a 10,000 gallon AST, which contained approximately 6,000 gallons of HCl at the time of the incident. The incident was reportedly due to a corroded valve that released the HCl into secondary containment. HCl subsequently was leaked from the secondary containment through an unsecured drainage valve onto the ground. The potentially responsible party (PRP), Petra Chemical Company, alerted the City of Dallas Fire HAZMAT Team, who notified the NRC on 29 June 2010 at 0856 hours.

At 0915 hours on 29 June 2010, EPA-PRB notified WESTON, the EPA Region 6 START-3 contractor, to mobilize and conduct a Tier 1 response. EPA On-scene Coordinators Adam Adams and Mike McAteer arrived on-site at 1005 hours and START-3 Heth Parnell and James Beavis arrived on-site at 1030 hours. START-3 was tasked to evaluate the horizontal extent and vertical impact of the release, to document the cleanup, and to observe local, state, and federal agency activities.

The Petra Chemical Company facility is approximately 6.5 miles northwest of downtown Dallas, Texas. The company manufactures bleach and disinfectant agents for commercial and industrial applications. Commodities from the facility are transported from the facility by both truck from the south loading racks and by railcar from the north loading racks. HCl is used at the facility to titrate the bleach and disinfectant agents to the required degree of alkalinity (pH) to meet product specifications. HCl is stored in a 10,000-gallon capacity AST located to the west of the main facility building. At the time of the release, the AST contained approximately 6,000 gallons. The release occurred due to failure of a corroded valve at the base of the tank. According to the PRP, approximately 1,500 gallons of HCl was released into secondary containment. At the time of reporting to the NRC, the Dallas Fire HAZMAT Team estimated 1,000 gallons to have been released. The HCl released from secondary containment to the ground through an open rain water discharge valve. Approximately 1,200 gallons of HCl was retained by the secondary containment and approximately 300 gallons was released onto the ground. A tertiary containment consisted of a weathered earthen berm between 4 to 8 inches high constructed along the perimeter/property fence line of the Petra Chemical facility; no HCl was reported by the PRP to have breached the tertiary containment.

The PRP and their cleanup contractor (TAS Environmental) applied soda ash to the tertiary berm and the ground surface at the point of release from secondary containment to neutralize the HCl. In addition, the PRP and their contractor commenced with recovery of free phase liquids utilizing acid resistant diaphragm pumps leading to 275-gallon polyethylene totes for temporary storage. EPA and START-3 conducted perimeter air monitoring using a PAC III passive acid gas meter configured for HCl and tested the surrounding standing water outside of the property fence line for pH to assess the horizontal extent of the release.

Due to heavy rainfall, EPA and START-3 observed multiple pools of water (presumably rainwater) surrounding the release site and two stormwater discharge channels. The first discharge channel observed was located approximately 330 feet west of the release site and flowed north to Joes Creek. The second stormwater discharge channel was within the immediate vicinity of the Petra Chemical Company facility, approximately 15 feet northeast of the release site, which flows north to Joes Creek. Joes Creek is approximately 1,100 feet north of the release site and is a tributary of the Trinity River, which flows through downtown Dallas, Texas. START-3 measured the pH at both discharge channels and of the standing water downgradient of the release site outside of the tertiary containment berm. START-3 recorded pH values of between 5.5 and 6 of the water flowing in the west discharge channel and of the pooled rainwater immediately northwest (downgradient) of the release site. At the stormwater discharge channel northeast of the site and in pooled rainwater to the northeast, START-3 recorded pH values of between 10 and 13 indicative of an interjection of an alkaline compound to the water contained in the discharge channel and in water standing in pools northwest of the release site. The cause of the alkalinity of the water in this area was believed to be the result of stormwater runoff and the chemical dissolution of residual product released during the loading of railcars at the north loading rack. The high pH values recorded of the water in the northwest discharge channel and pooled rainwater northwest of the release site are not believed to be related to the HCl release, which would have lowered the pH levels in the water.

The EPA notified the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and personnel from the City of Dallas Public Works, Stormwater Management of observations made pertaining to surface water runoff pH levels. The TCEQ and the City of Dallas arrived on-site at 1220 hours

on 29 June 2010 to review the Petra Chemical Company Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures (SPCC) and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) documents and permits and to conduct an investigation independent from the EPA and unrelated to the HCl release.

The PRP and their cleanup contractor commenced with the excavation of contaminated soils at 1650 hours on 29 June 2010, utilizing 2-25 cubic yard roll on/off boxes to transport the soil off-site. The background pH of the soil within the area was obtained by the cleanup contractor and by utilizing a Fisher Scientific Accument AB15 Basic pH meter, determined it to be 6.6. Excavation was conducted at 6-inch intervals. At each interval, a sample was collected and tested for pH using the on-site Fisher Scientific Accument AB15 Basic pH meter by TAS Environmental. At completion, excavation depth ranged between 6 inches and 24 inches below ground surface (bgs). Excavation depth was determined by a satisfactory comparison of soil pH test results to the pH of the background soil sample by EPA and TCEQ. A total of 35 cubic yards of soil was excavated; it will remain on-site pending analysis prior to disposal.

At 1730 hours on 29 June 2010, the TCEQ assumed responsibility for oversight of the remainder of the cleanup activities performed by the PRP and their contractors regarding the HCl release. The TCEQ will be working with the Petra Chemical Company on permitting and discharge issues pertaining to the high pH values of stormwater runoff from the railcar loading racks. The EPA and START-3 demobilized from the site at 1745 hours on 29 June 2010.

This final report was prepared as part of the requirements of the Technical Direction Document (TDD) No. TO-0001-10-07-01 and serves as documentation of work completed to date.

#### 3. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- A. NRC Report No. 945881
- B. START-3 Field Logbook
- C. Digital Photographs
- D. POLREP
- E. TDD No. TO-0001-10-07-01

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NRC No. 945881

	The EPA Task Monitor did not provide final approval of this report prior to the completion date of the work assignment. Therefore, Weston Solutions, Inc. has submitted this report absent the Task Monitor's approval.
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## Attachment A

NRC Report No. 945881

NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER 1-800-424-8802

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Incident Report # 945881

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

\*Report taken at 09:56 on 29-JUN-10

Incident Type: STORAGE TANK

Incident Cause: EQUIPMENT FAILURE

Affected Area:

The incident occurred on 28-JUN-10 at 22:16 local time.

Affected Medium: UNKNOWN UNKNOWN

SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Organization: PETRA

DALLAS, TX

Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

INCIDENT LOCATION

2929 STOREY LANE County: DALLAS

City: DALLAS State: TX

RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

CHRIS Code: HCL Official Material Name: HYDROCHLORIC ACID

Also Known As:

Qty Released: 3000 GALLON(S) Qty in Water: 0 UNKNOWN AMOUNT

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

CALLER REPORTED A 10,000 GALLON ACID TANK HAD A VALVE CORROSION THAT CAUSED A SPILL

OF MATERIALS.

INCIDENT DETAILS

Description of Tank: STEEL Tank Above/Below Ground: ABOVE Transportable Container: NO Tank Regulated: UNKNOWN

Tank Regulated By:

Tank ID:

Capacity of Tank: 10000 GALLON(S)

Actual Amount:

DAMAGES

Fire Involved: NO Fire Extinguished: UNKNOWN

INJURIES: NO Hospitalized: Empl/Crew: Passenger: FATALITIES: NO Empl/Crew: Passenger: Occupant:

EVACUATIONS: NO Who Evacuated: Radius/Area:

Damages: NO

Length of Direction of

<u>Closure Type</u> <u>Description of Closure</u> <u>Closure</u> <u>Closure</u>

Air: N

Road: Y STOREY RD AND DENTON DR ALL Major

Artery: N

Waterway: N
Track: N

Passengers Transferred: NO Environmental Impact: UNKNOWN

Media Interest: NONE Community Impact due to Material:

REMEDIAL ACTIONS

NONE

Release Secured: YES

Release Rate:

Estimated Release Duration:

WEATHER

Weather: RAINY, °F

ADDITIONAL AGENCIES NOTIFIED

Federal: NONE

State/Local: NONE

State/Local On Scene: NONE
State Agency Number: NONE

NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

CHEM SAFETY AND HAZARD INVEST BOARD (CSB AUTOMATIC NOTIFICATIONS)

29-JUN-10 10:00

DHS PROTECTIVE SECURITY ADVISOR (PSA DESK)

29-JUN-10 10:00

DOT CRISIS MANAGEMENT CENTER (MAIN OFFICE)

29-JUN-10 10:00

U.S. EPA VI (MAIN OFFICE)

29-JUN-10 10:03

GULF STRIKE TEAM (MAIN OFFICE)

29-JUN-10 10:00

JFO-LA (COMMAND CENTER)

29-JUN-10 10:00

NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE COORD CTR (MAIN OFFICE)

29-JUN-10 10:00

NOAA RPTS FOR TX (MAIN OFFICE)

29-JUN-10 10:00

TCEQ (MAIN OFFICE)

29-JUN-10 10:00

TEXAS STATE OPERATIONS CENTER (COMMAND CENTER)

29-JUN-10 10:00

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CALLER HAD NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

\*\*\* END INCIDENT REPORT # 945881 \*\*\*

**Attachment B** 

START-3 Field Logbook

PETRA CHEMICAL, INC. HYDROCHLORIC ACID SPILL



"Rite in the Rain"

ALL-WEATHER

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No. 391

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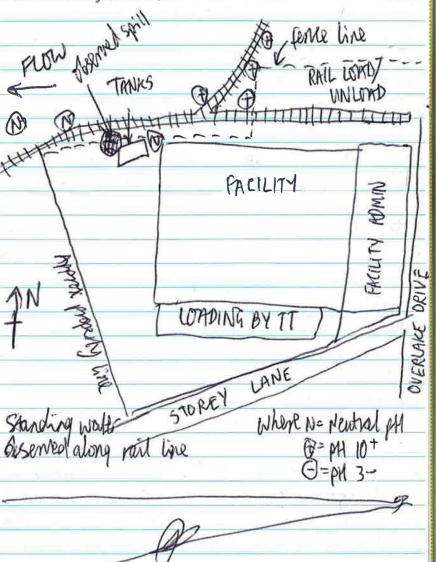
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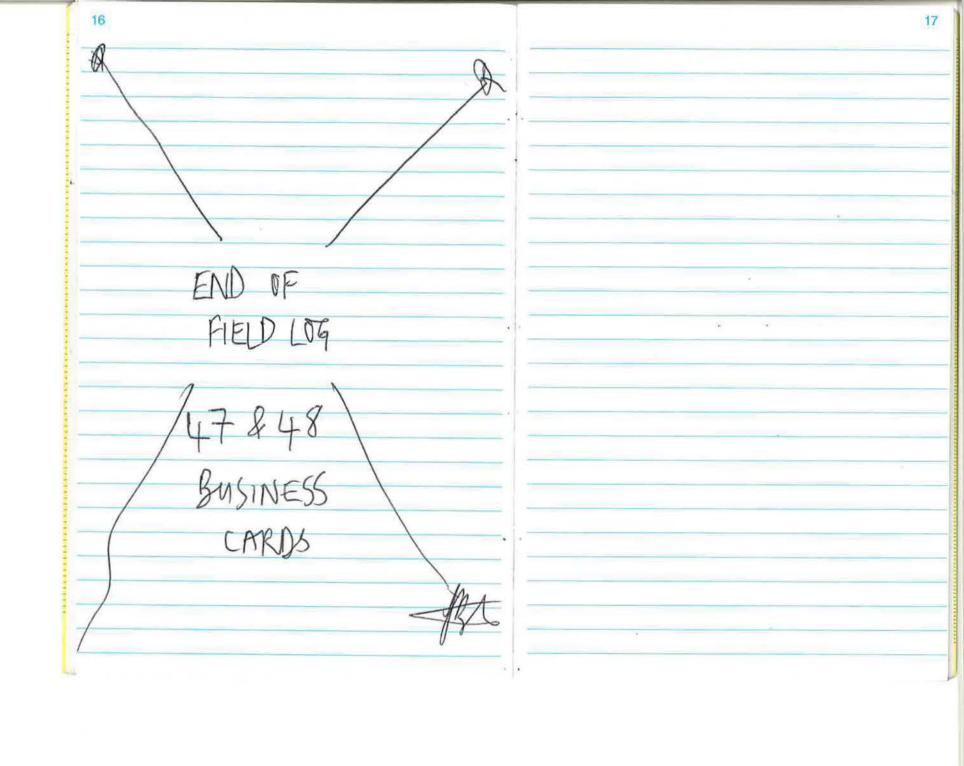
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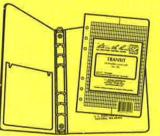
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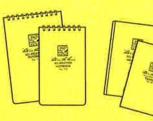
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**Attachment D** 

**POLREP** 

# U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT Petra Chemical HCl - Removal Polrep



# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Region VI

Subject: POLREP #1

**Initial and Final POLREP** 

**Petra Chemical HCl** 

A6X6 Dallas, TX

Latitude: 32.8620410 Longitude: -96.8763290

To:

From: Adam Adams, OSC

**Date:** 6/29/2010 **Reporting Period:** 06/29/2010

#### 1. Introduction

# 1.1 Background

Site Number: Contract Number:

D.O. Number: Action Memo Date:

**Response Authority:** CERCLA **Response Type:** Emergency

**Response Lead:** PRP **Incident Category:** 

**NPL Status:** Non NPL **Operable Unit:** 

**Mobilization Date:** 6/29/2010 **Start Date:** 6/29/2010

**Demob Date:** Completion Date:

CERCLIS ID: RCRIS ID:

**ERNS No.:** State Notification:

FPN#: Reimbursable Account #:

#### 1.1.1 Incident Category

**Emergency Response** 

#### 1.1.2 Site Description

At 0956 hours on 29 June 2010 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received notification from the National Response Center (NRC Report number 945881) that approximately 3,000 gallons of Hydrochloric Acid had spilled from a 10,000 gallon Aboveground Storage Tank (AST) due to a mechanical failure. The incident location is Petra Chemical Company, a chemical blending and packaging facility located in a light industrial area within the city of Dallas that primarily manufactures bleach and disinfectants for industrial applications. The report was made by Dallas Fire HAZMAT whom

responded and subsequently reported the incident that occurred at 2216 hours on 28 June 2010. The EPA Phone Duty Officer (PDO) activated the on-call EPA On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) and the Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team (START). The EPA and START arrived on-site at 1030 hours on 29 June 2010.

According to the Potentially Responsible Party (PRP), the 10,000 gallon AST containing 32% HCl had released between 1,200 and 1,400 gallons of 32% HCl into secondary containment. Approximately 300 to 400 gallons of the HCl had breached secondary containment via a corroded rainwater drain cap and into the surrounding ground.

#### **1.1.2.1 Location**

The facility is owned and operated by the Petra Chemical Company located at 2929 Storey Lane, Dallas, TX 75220 in Dallas County. The approximate 90,000 square foot facility has been Petra Chemical Company for approximately 22 years.

# 1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

Heavy rains have been falling intermittently since the time of the release with more precipitation forecasted for the next several days. A HCl runoff into a water drainage canal directly behind the facility is probable if the released material is not contained and recovered of in a timely manner.

#### 1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

Off-site runoff water measured pH values ranging from 5 to 13, with the majority of measurements around pH 10. On-site assessment found two separate areas of concern regarding pH measurements in two separate areas of the facility, the HCl release on the west side of the facility with a low pH and the loading area on the north side of the facility with a high pH, both of which impacted the drainage canal to the northwest of the facility along the tracks.

#### 2. Current Activities

#### 2.1 Operations Section

#### 2.1.1 Narrative

EPA arrived on-site to conduct an investigation on the morning of 29 June, 2010. During the course of the investigation, EPA along with representatives from TCEQ and the City of Dallas discovered significant amounts of facility runoff water with pH values greater than 10 and as high as 13. Runoff water discharged is drained from site through an underground pipe system which is discharged into a drainage ditch at the back of the facility. The high pH runoff water was traced back to the facility's tanker railcar loading rack on the north side of the facility and the truck offloading area located on the south side of the facility.

## 2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

At the time of EPAs arrival, PRP cleanup contractors were completing the process of removing HCl solution from the secondary containment and making preparations to recover impacted soils and impacted liquid from outside the secondary containment. The area of soil impacted outside the containment wall was then drained and removed to a depth of 6-12 inches. Soil samples were taken and tested on site for pH during the excavation process to evaluate extent of excavation required based on pH values outside the range of 6 to 9.

# 2.1.3 Enforcement Activities, Identity of Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs)

The PRP is Petra Chemical Company located at 2929 Storey Lane, Dallas County, Dallas, TX.

#### **2.1.4 Progress Metrics**

Per the PRP and PRP Contractor, approximately 35 cubic yards of soil were excavated and stored in rolloff boxes for disposal. Approximately 1,200 to 1,400 gallons of HCl contaminated

liquids were recovered and stored in 13 totes (250 to 300 gallon capacity) for treatment/reuse by Petra Chemical Company. Approximately 2 totes were also filled with contaminated liquids from outside the secondary containment area and will also be assessed and processed by Petra Chemical Company either for reuse or disposal.

# 2.2 Planning Section

#### 2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

The excavated area will be backfilled with clean soil. The water in the drainage canal impacted by the high pH runoff will be collected using a vacuum truck. An earthen dam or containment mechanism will also be placed on-site to prevent facility runoff water from entering the canal in the short term. PRP indicated a more permanent means to contain runoff from the site will be conducted to prevent future off-site impacts from the facility.

# 2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

PRP was asked to submit a plan to correct the high pH runoff. EPA will work with state and local officials to insure corrective actions are completed.

#### **2.2.2 Issues**

Chances of heavy rain are possible in the next few days.

- 2.3 Logistics Section
- 2.4 Finance Section
- 2.5 Safety Officer
- 2.6 Liaison Officer
- 2.7 Information Officer

## 3. Participating Entities

#### 3.1 Unified Command

Agencies involved in the response include EPA, TCEQ, and the City of Dallas.

#### 3.2 Cooperating and Assisting Agencies

#### 4. Personnel On Site

Personnel on-site include the PRP, PRP Response Contractor, EPA, TCEQ, and City of Dallas.

#### 5. Definition of Terms

#### 6. Additional sources of information

# 6.1 Internet location of additional information/reports

Additional information can be obtained from the website www.epaosc.org/PetraChemicalHCl.

# 6.2 Reporting Schedule

No additional POLREP's will be completed.

#### 7. Situational Reference Materials

# Attachment E

TDD No. TO-0001-10-07-01

# EPA U.S. EPA Washington, DC 20460

#### START3 **Technical Direction Document**

TDD #: TO-0001-10-07-01 Contract: EP-W-06-042

Response Activities- REMOVAL Funds (0001) Weston Solutions, Inc.

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TDD Name:	Petra Chemical HCI	! Period:	Base Period	
! Purpose:	Work Assignment Initiation	n Verbal Date:	06/29/2010	
! Priority:	High	! Start Date:	06/29/2010	
Overtime:	Yes	! Completion Date:	09/30/2010	
! Funding Category:	Removal	Invoice Unit:		
! Project/Site Name:	Petra Chemical HCI	WorkArea:	RESPONSE ACTIVITIES	
Project Address:	2929 Storey Lane	Activity:	Emergency Response	
County:	Dallas	Work Area Code:		
City, State:	Dallas, TX	Activity Code:	RV	
Zip:	75220	EMERGENCY CODE:	$\square$ KAT $\square$ RIT	
! SSID:	A6X6	FPN:		
CERCLIS:		Performance Based:	No	
Operable Unit:				
Authorized TDD Ce	eiling:	Cost/	Fee	LOE (Hours)
	Previous Action(s):	\$1	0.00	0.0
	This Action:	\$5,00	0.00	0.0
	New Total:	\$5,00	0.00	0.0

Specific Elements More specifically the contractor shall, - Collect facts regarding the discharge or release to include its source and cause, - Identify potentially responsible parties, - Analyze the nature amount and location of discharged or released materials. - Observe and document federal state and private actions taken to conduct a response action

#### **Description of Work:**

All activities performed in support of this TDD shall be in accordance with the contract and TO PWS.

Contractor shall conduct a Tier 1 response, document response in a logbook, photo document response, provide an AOC report with supporting documentation, and provide response support with website and field activity.

#### **Accounting and Appropriation Information**

**SFO:** 22

Line	DCN	IFMS	Budget/ FY	Appropriati on	Budget Org Code	Program Element	Object Class	Site Project	Cost Org Code	Amount
				Code						
1	RVC047	XXX	09	TCD	6A00E	302DC6C	2505	A6X6RV00	C001	\$5,000.00

Funding Summary:	Funding
Previous:	\$0.00
This Action:	\$5,000.00
Total:	\$5,000.00

**Funding Category** 

Removal

#### Section

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No During the past three (3) calendar years has your company, or any of your employees that will be working at this site, previously performed work at this site /facility?

Contractor Contact: Robert Beck

Date: 07/02/2010